



Virginia Alpaca

A-OK Board Meeting 2/20/2008

Meeting by teleconference called to order at 1:06 p.m. by President John Robinson.

Attending:

John Robinson, Jess Bowers, Karon Storm, Robin Howser, Mike Alpert and Ed Downs

Minutes Karon;

last meeting not ready, Karon will get them out asap, mostly was last minute stuff for the show.

Treasure report: Robin

We have \$34,584.63 in the bank, the only outstanding bills of any size are the AOBA SD and the donation to ARF. We are ahead about \$5,775 from this time last year. We are growing but it is slow.

John wants the board to consider the possibility that a future show may be cancelled. If that happens can we cover the expenses? Karon suggest we look at our contracts with the event center, judges and stalling company need to be looked at to see what options are in this event.

Discussion followed on the best way to make the show grow. We have room for at least 50 more stalls. The general consensus is to start advertising sooner, like now. Karon is still working on the application for next year's show but has not been able to complete all the requirements needed for the application. Principally a copy of the show information sheet, class schedule, agenda, entry form, etc. We do have signed copies of the judge's contract. Karon and Mike will get together as soon as possible to get this all together, since our entry is now online it makes it more difficult (for Karon) and we also need to wrap up all the data needed for the end of show requirements. Karon pointed out that we may be denied a show on this date as it may conflict again with F2F, in that case we will have to consider the option of having a non AOBA SD show. Advertising for this date is tables until we get a reply from the SD.

John has submitted a request to AOBA for \$1500 education grant but has had no response; he thinks they are holding off until we prove 90% of our members are also AOBA members. This will be addressed at the next general meeting.

Ed reminds us the pass word information for the web page is; member and aok08

The tax return has been sent in, it is noted we need to update the vendor form for the next show to be in compliance with Oklahoma sales tax.

Feb 24, 2008 a general membership meeting is scheduled for Fire Mt in OKC.

John will mail out a card to the membership to remind them and Ed will send out an e-blast as well telling them we will have an election of two board members, Karon and Mike are leaving the board at this time. John and Ed have one more years and Jess and Robin have two more years. Only current PAID members may vote. Karon will bring paper and pencils for the silent vote and Mike and Karon will count the votes. Sallie was not in attendance at this meeting and she is working on the list of possible candidates, Butch Butler is willing to run and maybe Bob Erickson also, John will call Bob to make sure. Robin will contact Sallie to see if there are others. Each candidate will have three minutes to speak if he so desires. Proxies will be accepted included those sent presented to the secretary as a printed email. The proxy needs to be clarified in the bylaws and will be an order of business for the new board.



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We need an updated membership list at the meeting as well as on the website. Current members not showing online are Joe Maxey, Richard Woods and Ray Hudson.

Since we are having an election at the next general meeting we are not having an educational program but we need to be thinking of programs for future meetings: some suggestions we can offer are;

- setting up a co-operative where we can rent specialized equipment from each other, such as post drivers or seed drills.
- Basic alpaca care for the new members on heat stress etc.
- Guardian dog do' and don't, your family pet may be friendly to you but the top killer of alpacas are dogs, often the family pet.

A summary of the show will be given at the general meeting by Mike and or Karon.

We will ask for a volunteer to get involved with 4 H kids and alpacas, someone may already have 4 H experience.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Karon Storm
Secretary A-OK